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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/5/07, 6/14/06, 9/11/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is responsive to the amendment filed 3/28/08. (Response to Restriction Requirements).

Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election without traverse of Invention I –claims 1 and 2 without traverse in the reply filed on 3/28/08 is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 3-15 have been withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to non-elected inventions.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains more than 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Priority

4. The current application claims continuation of International Application PCT/JP01/01964. However, effective date for the application is considered as the U.S. filing date (Sept. 11, 2003) since (a) the PCT filing date was after Nov. 29, 2000 and (b) no evidence is provided that the PCT publication was published in English and designating the U.S.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et al. (WO 98/34203) (Jacobs).

7. Jacob teaches as per claim 1 and 2:

A settlement system, comprising:

a mobile communication terminal connectable with a mobile communication network;

(Fig. 7, element 312)

a settlement input device configured to output data of a charge based on input data of purchased items;

(Fig. 7, element Cashier Register 314)

and

a settlement device able to communicate with the mobile communication terminal and the settlement input device through the mobile communication network, and able to transfer money from a first account to a second account,

(Fig. 7, element Financial Transaction Clearing House 318)

wherein the settlement input device comprises:

a first transmission unit configured to transmit the data of the charge to the mobile communication terminal; and

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Cashier Register 314 described in Fig. 1-6)

a second transmission unit configured to transmit the data of the charge, identification data of the mobile communication terminal, and identification data of the settlement input device to the settlement device;

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Cashier Register 314 described in Fig. 1-6)

the settlement device comprises:

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a control unit configured to transfer an amount of money determined by the data of the charge from the first account determined by the identification data of the mobile communication terminal received from the settlement input device to the second account determined by the identification data Of the settlement input device; and

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Financial Transaction Clearing House 318 described in Fig. 1-6)

a transmission unit configured to transmit the data of the amount of the transferred money to the mobile communication terminal through the mobile communication network; and

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Financial Transaction Clearing House 318 described in Fig. 1-6)

the mobile communication terminal comprises:

a first reception unit configured to receive the data of the charge from the settlement input device;

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Mobile Unite 312 described in Fig. 1-6)

a second reception unit configured to receive the data of the amount of the transferred money from the settlement device; and

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Mobile Unite 312 described in Fig. 1-6)

a display configured to display the data of the charge and the data of the amount of the transferred money.

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Mobile Unite 312 described in Fig. 1-6)

2. A mobile communication terminal connectable with a mobile communication network and able to communicate with a settlement input device for outputting data of a charge based on input data of purchased items and a settlement device able to transfer money from a first account to a second account

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through the mobile communication network, the mobile communication terminal comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive the data of the charge from the settlement input device;

a second reception unit configured to receive the data of the amount of the transferred money from the settlement device through the mobile communication network; and

a display configured to display the data of the charge and the data of the amount of the transferred money.

(Fig. 7, p. 10-13, refer to functionality of Mobile Unite 312 described in Fig. 1-6 in conjunction with Fig. 7)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGDISH PATEL whose telephone number is (571) 272-6748.

The examiner can normally be reached on 800AM-630PM Mon-Tue and Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **KRAMER JAMES A** can be reached on **(571)272-6783**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3693

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